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AGENDA

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2483**

**WEDNESDAY
September 23, 2009**

10:00 A.M. CONVENE MEETING

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

1. Strategic Planning Workshop Session - Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals for the 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan.
The staff will facilitate a commission strategic planning session to identify the draft agency mission, vision, values, and goal statements for the 2011-2015 TxDOT Strategic Plan. The commission will discuss the factors influencing the agency over the next 5-20 years in meeting the transportation challenges of Texas. The commission will provide guidance to the agency staff on the subsequent strategic planning process, including the development of strategies, performance measures, and targets; additional public outreach; plan drafting; and final commission approval, publication, and distribution.

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1:30 P.M. RECONVENE MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Discussion on the status of the independent management and organizational review of the department.
At its June 2009 meeting the commission requested that Grant Thornton, the consultant selected to conduct a thorough review of TxDOT's organization and management structure, provide regular updates on the status of review and present any issues identified as they develop the final recommendations/report.
3. Update on the status of creation of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the transition of responsibilities from the Texas Department of Transportation to the DMV.
The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3097 which establishes the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles by transferring the Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, Motor Vehicles Division, Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority and a portion of the Motor Carrier Division from TxDOT to the DMV. As outlined in statute, TxDOT is responsible for establishing a formal transition plan and transferring staff, equipment, property, funds and rules associated with the above divisions and related support operations to the new agency effective November 1, 2009.

4. Discussion of the Transportation Enhancement Program and the potential issuance of a limited call for projects.

In March, the commission approved a list of transportation enhancement projects to be funded under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The majority of those projects were sponsor projects from previous program calls. Staff will update the commission on the status of the enhancement program and discuss the potential issuance of a program call to identify candidate projects at a limited funding level.

5. Discussion of options for the establishment of eligibility, prioritization, and selection criteria for highway improvement projects to be funded using the proceeds from bonds, notes, and other public securities issued under Transportation Code, Section 222.004 (Proposition 12 Bonds).

The Texas Legislature passed enabling legislation authorizing the commission to issue general obligation bonds, notes, and other public securities for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of highway improvement projects. For FY 2010-2011, the Legislature appropriated \$90 million for right of way, \$60 million for engineering, and \$850 million for progress payments on no more than \$1.85 billion of non-tolled highway improvement project awards, and appropriated \$1 billion to capitalize the State Infrastructure Bank, and be used to make loans to public entities. The staff has briefed the commission on the limitations and restrictions placed on the use of these funds and was directed to work with the state's transportation industry partners to develop a recommendation of guiding principles to be used to identify, prioritize and select projects that may be funded with these newly available funds. The staff will present this recommendation to the commission and seek their direction on developing a plan for the use of these funds.

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